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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1. THE GVN HAS SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN ALL PROVINCES EXCEPT QUANG TRI DURING THE COMING MONTHS. MOST ELECTIONS IN ALL FOUR MRS ARE SLATED FOR MAY AND JUNE, WITH SEVENTY- NINE PER CENT OF THE 1,385 ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 1973 TO BE HELD DURING THESE MONTHS. KHANH HOA, KONTUM, GO CONG AND PHONG DINH PROVINCES WILL HOLD ELECTIONS DURING APRIL.

2. WHILE IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR CONGENS TO COVER ALL ELECTIONS IN DETAIL, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE PROVINCE BY PROVINCE REPORTS COVERING SUCH GENERAL QUESTIONS AS DEGREE OF DEMOCRACY PARTY PARTICIPATION, ACTIVITY OF FREEDOM PARTY, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE AND OTHER GROUPS (SUCH AS AN QUANG) NOT REGISTERED UNDER DL 060, WILLINGNESS OF INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME CANDIDATES, BASIS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES WHERE THIS OCCURS, AND EXTENT AND TYPE OF INFLUENCE EXERTED BY GVN OFFICIALS ON ELECTION OUTCOME. COMMUNIST REACTIONS TO ELECTIONS,

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INCLUDING ATTEMPTS AT DISRUPTION OR COVERT PARTICIPATION, SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED. OBSERVATIONS ON THE ORGANIZATION AND HONESTY OF ELECTIONS AS WELL AS COMMENTS ON POPULAR REACTION AND MEANING OF OUTCOME ALSO MOST WELCOME.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ALSO LISTS OF NEWLY- ELECTED VILLAGE CHIEFS WITH INDICATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION.

4. A DETAILED SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS BY PROVINCE IS BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.

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